

REMARKS

Claims 2-9, and 11-20 and 22-24 are pending in the present application. Claims 23 and 24 are amended. Claim 21 is cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks made below.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 21 contains allowable subject matter.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's allegations, Applicants have incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 21 into independent claims 23 and 24. Accordingly, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in a condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 2-8, 11-20 and 22-24 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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